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November 27th, 1916

Professor W. P. M. Kennedy,

St. Michael's College,

Toronto.

Dear Professor Kennedy:

I should like to be able to help you. Were I competent to write such an article as you ask for the "University Magazine" I should not hesitate to do so, but my knowledge of English History is of such an average sort that any reader of an article that I would write would recognise at once that I should be speaking without the right to do so. As a scholar you know what that means. I know something about the first two centuries and a little about the 17th in France and England and something about the 19th, but I am certainly not equipped to write an article that would be worth while.

Could you not get Wallace to write such an article ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

SECOND REVIEW NOTICES.

Studies (June 1916)

(Dublin)

"A volume.....calculated to bring his labours into greater prominence.....chapters selected with wisdom as containing the clues to Tudor activities and ...not to be neglected by students of Tudor History".

The Month. (June 1916)

(London, Eng)

"This interesting collection of historical Studies.. The author's object is on the whole very felicitously realized. The papers on the Puritans, written sympathetically ...are perhaps the best".

The Western Morning News. (Aug. 21, 1916)

(Plymouth, England.)

"The author's standpoint is that of the scientific historian, basing his judgment not on his personal predilections, but upon the evidence of contemporary documents and writings.... He renders full credit to the Elizabethian Nonconformists for the sincerity of their views.....The chapter on "The Difficulties of Queen Mary is one of the ablest and most justly conceived in the volume".

The Irish Times. (July 22, 1916)

"The author seeks above all things to hold the balance true in these Studies"

The Universe. (London, Eng.) Sept. 22, 1916.

"He writes in a most impartial spirit, indeed colourless as to personal conviction."

Ecclesiastical Review (Sept. 1916)

"The author's studies rank high and cannot be disregarded in an impartial estimate of Tudor History".

New Statesman. (London Eng.) Oct. 14, 1916.

"When Mr. Kennedy left England for Toronto, this country lost one of the best and fairest of its young historians....It will be seen that Mr. Kennedy writes on subjects

that are packed with opportunity for bias and unfairness and bitterness, and he succeeds in avoiding all three and in throwing some remarkable new light on the life of England at this time".

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November 30th, 1916

Professor W. P. M. Kennedy,

Department of History.

Dear Professor Kennedy:

I am very glad to have the notices of your book which you were kind enough to send me, and I congratulate you upon them. It is satisfactory to have the commendation of those who know and are therefore the best judges.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

University of Toronto
TORONTO, CANADA

9. Mar. '17.

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President Falconer,
The University.

My dear Mr President,

Professor Wrong has just told me that you have most kindly promised to recommend me for $2000 next year & a permanent position in History & English. I would have called to thank you; but I know that you are very busy. Will you please accept my sincerest thanks? I will be very anxious for my students in every way in my power. In addition, I want you to feel that I want to be an active help to the University & that you can rely & call on me at any time, when you think I can assist you. I, too, realize the duty which you have placed on me in connection with St. Michael's - hope, too, I may live up to your highest & sincerest motives.

Believe me,
Ever yours respectfully
W. D. McKenzie

I shall call one day & bring you the parts of the New Translation of the New Testament, of which I once spoke

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My dear President,

I was, in some degree, disappointed that I did not get promotion in History last year. Although there was no promise of this yet I hoped that my position would be made secure, which it is not at present, in the University. I find, too, that the scattering of duties in three departments is more than I can manage both physically & intellectually. The miscellaneous work for three departments leaves me worn out each day, not to speak of the actual burden of class work, which even with the reduced hours this session in History, now amounts to 19 hours a week.

What I desire to draw your respectful attention to is the fact that my work is historical & that I have attained a certain place in it in the world of history - this is only recognized by a "Substitute Lectureship".

I should then be most grateful if You would be kind enough to lay the following

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proposal before Professor Wrong & ~~Lucy~~ I might have the assurance that it would go through when appointments are fixed for next session

(1) I must hold the work at St. Michael's. That is a moral obligation, which Kylie left me. Falconer has assured me of the security of my position there at $1000 & I personally feel that this is a work which is of vital interest to the College & University

(2) Holding St. Michael's to obtain an Assistant Professorship in the Dept of History with a salary rising from $2000 (twenty one hundred) by annual increases of $100 up to $3000. Thus bringing in time my whole salary up to $4000.

(3) To drop work for good in Dr. Alexander's department.

I think that this seems a just proposal. You will notice that it is founded on the fact that

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I have the St. Michael's appointment, & this will eliminate any desire to handicap Smith or Williams. I think it well to state clearly just I have no desire to enter into any competition with them. I want to stop at $3000 dollars from the Dept. of History & to file, as well as I can, an very important place in St. Michael's. On put it in categorical terms - the arrangement which I propose would prevent me in any way seeking a higher salary in the dept. of History or of being a competitor for the highest place in it. I might add that the proposal would, if carried through, help me materially in my work. It would relieve me from the

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represent position which I now hold, & it would give me recognition in my work which deserves more than a professorship in English which is a minor subject with me — which I now hold.

You will forgive me laying this before you: but it is a matter of vital importance to me, & I sincerely trust that it may go through definitely & begin working next session.

Believe me,

Yours respectfully & sincerely

W. R. McKennedy

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My dear President,

The enclosed is a clearer proposal than my first letter contained. I found I got the Salary & title proposal wrong when I first wrote. It is the enclosed which I showed Mr. Ke submitted to Professor Wrong.

Ever Yours,

W.P. M. Kennedy.

Memo. of proposal. 4

(1) To hold the permanent head of English Dept at St. Michael's

(2) To be appointed Assistant Professor of History in the University next ~~year~~ session at $2200 rising by $100 per year up to $3000 as a maximum. My title in the dept. never to exceed that of Smith & Williams.

(3) To give all my time to History & St. Michael's English

(4) My maximum from the two appointments to be $4000

(5) Owing to the St. Michael's arrangements I am not ever to be considered in connection with the highest places in the Dept. of History.

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My dear President,

I want to put on record my sincerest thanks for the kindness with which you put through my proposals with regard to my position here. It has taken off a great load of anxiety & has given me a definite answer to those calls from England for my services. Specially however, I write once more to assure you that in Everything You can rely on me to do my utmost to carry out faithfully the duties of my professorship & to further the interests of the University. I shall continue to call upon you for advice & direction which your Experience can bestow. I know of no deeper bond between you & one of your staff than that of a sincere desire to do my best & to be guided by you where wider issues than History are at stake.

Believe me
My dear President
Ever Yours very sincerely
W. P. M. Kennedy.

15. Nov. 1918.